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TAGS: PDIP, PDEV DJ

SUBJ: PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED TO FORM GOVERNMENT AFTER TRIP  
TO PERSIAN GULF

REF: DJIBOUTI 30 (NOTAL)

1. ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDALLAH KAMIL AND  
COMMERCE MINISTER ELABE. DJIBOUTI PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED  
DEPARTED DJIBOUTI IN MORNING 10 JANUARY FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO  
OMAN AND BAHREIN. HIS TRIP BEGAN IN SPECIAL JET AIRCRAFT  
SENT TO DJIBOUTI BY THE SULTAN OF OMAN. HE AND HIS ENTOURAGE  
ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO DJIBOUTI ON SUNDAY, 15 JANUARY.

2. IN COMMENTS MADE TO DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES PRIOR TO HIS  
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DEPARTURE, THE PRESIDENT INDICATED THAT HE WOULD ANNOUNCE A NEW  
GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING HIS RETURN. THE PRESENT GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS  
HAS CONTINUED SINCE THE RESIGNATION OF THE PRVME MINISTER AND  
FOUR OTHER AFAR MINISTERS ON 16 DECEMBER. THERE HAS BEEN NO  
INDICATION GIVEN OF THE FUTURE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT.;

3. SOME GUNFIRE WAS REPORTED ON EVENING 9 JANUARY IN DIKHIL, AN

IMPORTANT TOWN IN WESTERN DJIBOUTI REPUBLIC, WHICH IS THE ONLY  
TRADITIONAL URBAN GROUPING OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL CITY WHICH  
INCLUDES SUBSTANTIAL POPULATIONS OF BOTH ETHNIC SOMALIS AND  
AFARS. FIRST REPORTS INDICATED THAT TERRORIST GROUP ATTEMPTED  
BROACH ROADBLOCK MANNED BY POLICE. THIS REPORT HAS NOT YET  
BEEN VERIFIED, AND ANOTHER STORY CURRENT IN DJIBOUTI THIS  
MORNING INDICATES POSSIBILITY THAT INCIDENT UNRELATED TO  
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. CLARKE

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